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SUBJECT: AEROLINEAS (AA) CHARTER FLIGHT APPLICATION

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1. CAB HAS CONFIRMED THAT PAN AM RECENTLY WITHDREW ITS APPLICATION TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO ARGENTINA. ALSO PAN AM/WASHINGTON LEARNED FROM PAN AM REP IN BUENOS AIRES THAT AA PLANS TO WITHDRAW ITS CHARTER APPLICATION FILED BEFORE CAB BECAUSE CHARTERER REFUSES TO PAY IN US DOLLARS AS REQUESTED BY AA. DELAY IN APPROVAL OF CAB AUTHORIZATION APPARENTLY NOT A FACTOR. NEITHER CAB NOR, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE YET BEEN NOTIFIED OF AA'S PLAN TO CANCEL. ACCORDINGLY, BEFORE APPROACHING NEME, EMBASSY SHOULD FIRST ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM STATUS OF AA CHARTER FLIGHTS THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES, INCLUDING BUENOS AIRES PAN AM REP. IF AA DOES INTEND TO CANCEL, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED ALONG GENERAL LINES OUTLINED PARA 5 REFTTEL AND ALSO INFORM NEME THAT SOURCES INDICATE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM NO LONGER EXISTS BECAUSE OF AA CANCELLATION.

2. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE TO NEME FOLLOWING CHARTER REGIME TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HANDLE FUTURE CASES OF THIS TYPE: CAB PREPARED TO TAKE

ACTION ON ARGENTINE CHARTER APPLICATIONS WHEN ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES INDICATE THEY PREPARED TAKE TIMELY ACTION ON ANY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY US CARRIERS. WE WILL PROCESS

FUTURE ARGENTINE APPLICATIONS WITH SIMILAR SPEED WITH WHICH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES PROCESS CHARTER APPLICATIONS BY US CARRIERS. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, SIGNAL ARGENTINE WILLINGNESS TO JOIN US IN CONDUCTING OUR BILATERAL CIVIL RELATIONS ON PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY AND COMITY. PAST DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY US CHARTER OPERATORS IN OBTAINING TIMELY AUTHORIZATION FROM ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE LED TO LOSS IN ECONOMIC VALUE OF THEIR CHARTERS. COURSE OF EVENTS INITIATED BY THESE DELAYS IS NOW RESULTING IN INCONVENIENCE FOR ARGENTINE CARRIERS. AN INFORMAL AGREEMENT OF THE TYPE ENVISAGED ABOVE WOULD BENEFIT THE CARRIERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. IF AA IS NOT GOING TO CANCEL ITS US CHARTER FLIGHTS YOU SHOULD PROPOSE ABOVE CHARTER REGIME WITH FOLLOWING CHANGE: CAB READY TO APPROVE CHARTER APPLICATIONS UNDER REFERENCE UPON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCE THAT ALL PENDING AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF US CHARTER OPERATORS WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND EQUITABLE CONSIDERATION. WE WILL PROCESS FUTURE ARGENTINE APPLICATION...ETC.

4. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY ACCURACY OF ARGENTINE STATISTICS SUBMITTED REFTEL. CAB RECORDS SHOW THAT IN 1973 AA OPERATED 33 PASSENGER CHARTERS INTO US AND IN 1974 (THROUGH JUNE) THEY OPERATED 12. ALL PASSENGER CHARTERS WERE FOR US ORIGIN TRAFFIC. CARGO CHARTER STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 27 IN 1973 (NONE BY AA); 40 IN FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1974 (6 BY AA). EVEN IF WE ACCEPT ON BASIS ARGENTINE STATISTICS THAT US FLEW MORE CARGO CHARTERS THAN ARGENTINA, THERE MAY NOT BE GENUINE OVERALL BALANCE SINCE ARGENTINA FLEW MORE PASSENGER CHARTERS, AND ALL OF THESE WERE FROM US ORIGINS.

5. FYI: CAB DECISION MAY BE MADE SOON TO PERMIT AA CHARTERS (IF AA APPLICATIONS ARE NOT BEING WITHDRAWN) IN VIEW LACK OF FIRM LEGAL GROUNDS FOR CONTINUED DENIAL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY TRY TO USE DELAY IN ISSUING PERMIT (IF IT TURNS OUT APPLICATION IS NOT BEING WITHDRAWN) AS LEVERAGE IN OBTAINING FAVORABLE ARGENTINE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT, ASSUMING POSSIBILITY TO EXERCISE THIS LEVERAGE STILL EXISTS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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